



Mayo Clinic CRNA Alumni Update

Alumni Mission Statement The Mayo Nurse Anesthesia Alumni will promote professional and personal relationships among its members on local, national and international levels. The association will endeavor to support the educational needs of the Mayo School of Health Sciences, MSHS, Nurse Anesthesia students.

Greetings Mayo Alumni

Time is passing by too quickly for me or maybe I'm moving too slow! Can it be time for another newsletter already? I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lori Brundige for all of her work in getting this letter pulled together. The newsletter is a joint effort done by a group of people, but she has put in a lot of time and effort. She deserves a big round of applause! Thanks Lori!



Front row: Mavis Ward, Joan Hunziker-Dean, Lorrie Bennett, Lori Brundige
Back row: Joel Price, Marlea Judd, Craig Kluck, Mary Shirk Marienau

This CRNA Update and the Mayo CRNA seminar brochure contain information regarding upcoming alumni events. Please take the time to look them over. I am hoping that we have something to peak your interest. Whether you are new CRNA alumni or retired Mayo CRNA alumni, we want to reach out to you and provide you with some fun opportunities. I am hoping to have excellent responses to these events!

If you have any other ideas on how we can support our Mayo CRNA Alumni, we would love to hear from you. I think all of our committee members would agree, this is a great committee to be on. We get to meet wonderful people and do nice things for our alumni. Thanks for your support and readership! We hope you enjoy this year's edition of Mayo Clinic CRNA Alumni Update!

Sincerely,
Marlea Judd, CRNA, MNA
Mayo Clinic CRNA Alumni Chairperson

Mayo School of Health Sciences Alumni Association

The Second Biennial Conference of the Mayo School of Health Sciences (MSHS) Alumni Association was held April 29-30, 2005. Over 100 alumni, students and staff came to reconnect with colleagues and to hear speakers touch on thought-provoking topics relevant to their day-to-day lives. The entire conference was videoconferenced to Mayo Clinic

Arizona and Mayo Clinic Jacksonville. The feedback from participating alumni has been very positive. Conference topics included patient safety, disaster response and planning for healthcare institutions, bioterrorism and other public health emergencies, waste management, following directions, and two multidisciplinary case studies and panel discussions. The keynote presentation on Friday was "A Culture of Safety" and on Saturday was "Nine Behaviors for Creating and Sustaining High-Functioning Teams" by Rick Foster and Greg Hicks.



Rick Foster
Greg Hicks

Mayo CRNA Alumni Fall Reception

The Mayo Alumni Association will be hosting an evening of fellowship, food and music in the beautiful Gonda Atrium on Friday, October 14th, 2005. This event will coincide with our 31st annual Mayo Nurse Anesthesia Seminar.

Please join us for a formal reception and dinner starting at 7 p.m. Alumni and their guests can enjoy the evening for \$10 per person. The Mayo Alumni Association is generously helping us to host this event.

The RSVP for the reception/dinner is located in the Mayo CRNA Seminar brochure. Please return your reply by October 1st. You do not need to attend the seminar in order to share in this evening.

The Gonda Atrium is a spectacular site to have a reception and dinner. We hope to see many of you there!

Mayo Clinic CRNA Alumni Committee

CRNAs

- Marlea Judd,
Chairperson
- Sandi Beier
- Lorrie Bennett
- George Budihus
- Lori Brundige
- Sarah Crilley
- Terry Egbers
- Joan Hunziker-Dean
- Craig Kluck
- Kathy Latcham
- Mary Shirk Marienau
- Joel Price
- Mavis Ward
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Hospitality Room at AANA Seattle Convention

The hospitality room is a great place to see old acquaintances and meet new friends. Last year's gathering in Seattle was no exception. There were



Nick Kluck, Craig Kluck, Mike Gesler, Marcia Kluck

several MSHS graduates attending the conference from the Northwest area. Gerald Sandquist, Class of 52' and Brad Walker, Class of 84' came from Port Townsend, WA. Gerald shared some of his memories of working at the Mayo Clinic as a student in the 1950's. Jack Smith, Class of 73 and his wife Kathy came from Grants Path, Oregon. Dan Erchul, Class of 02' and his wife Mary, are living in Clackamas, Oregon. We had numerous alumni from the mid-west and Mike Geisler, Class of 84', was there to represent the far Southeast. He is working at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL.



Mary and Steve Erchal

The dessert bar was delicious too. No one walked away from the event with a blood sugar lower than 250!

We look forward to seeing who will attend our hospitality room in Washington, DC. Hope to see you there!

Preserving History: Nurse Anesthetist Bernadine Comstock

In an effort to preserve our history as nurse anesthetists it is important to reach into our past and embrace those who pioneered and practiced nurse anesthesia before us. Recently George Budihas III CRNA and Joan Hunziker-Dean CRNA were graciously granted an interview with retired nurse anesthetist Bernadine Comstock who is currently living in Rochester, MN.



Bernadine Comstock

Ms Comstock was born in Salem, South Dakota in 1912. She attended nursing training at Saint Marys Hospital School of Nursing in Rochester, MN. Encouraged by Mary Macken, a nurse anesthetist at Saint Marys, Ms Comstock pursued a career in nurse anesthesia. Ms Comstock, always known as Bernie, began her training in nurse anesthesia in 1936 when it was a two year program at Saint Marys. Bernie remembers that most training took place in the operating rooms learning while doing. However, she also remembers Dr. Lundy instructing

formally in the study rooms outside the operating rooms at various times throughout her training. Ann Powderly, Mary Shorter, and Mary Hines were a few of the early cornerstones in Mayo nurse anesthesia that Bernie had the opportunity to work with. She married during her nurse anesthesia training and gave birth to her daughter Nancy. Her husband later died but she remarried on the night of her retirement.

After Ms Comstock received her nurse anesthesia certificate she began working in neurosurgery with Drs Craig, Love, McCarty, Sundt, and Miller. A typical anesthetic would consist of a combination of pre-operative intramuscular injection, a drop ether technique, Sodium Pentothal, and Nitrous Oxide. Narcotics used were primarily Morphine Sulfate and Codeine. An anesthetic could last for four to six hours and patients were recovered in the operating rooms. Monitoring and documenting patient vital signs consisted of blood pressure, pulse and respirations. Pulse oximetry was not available. Ms Comstock said she still has her earpiece for an esophageal stethoscope. Bernie recalls that the work days could be unlimited; working until all twelve operating rooms were finished. She remembers one particular New Years Eve just when all rooms were completed an emergency case arrived that kept staff busy until noon the next day. Ms Comstock states that one of her most memorable moments came shortly after she completed her training when Dr. Lundy said he would still keep an eye on her, "but not as close."

Throughout her career Ms Comstock worked at both Saint Marys and Rochester Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN. After 39 "wonderful years" in nurse anesthesia, Bernie retired in 1975. She said she would "joyfully" do the 39 years over again. Ms Comstock's advice to nurse anesthetists is to "enjoy your work and do the best you can."

Now, 93 years young, Ms Comstock remains in Rochester, MN. Thank you Bernie for sharing your experiences with us. We recognize that your contributions to nurse anesthesia in the past have enriched and strengthened the nurse anesthesia practice today.

Section on Anesthesia History

A new section of Anesthesia History was formed in September 2004. Led by Dr. Douglas Bacon, approximately twenty anesthesiologists and nurse anesthetists attend monthly meetings for the purpose of researching and preserving anesthesia history at the Mayo Clinic.

Projects in development include living history interviews of retired personnel and an anesthesia history timeline and photo display to be placed in the Charlton conference room. Media equipment as well as display cases for anesthesia artifacts and Mayo authored texts will be added to the room.

The first departmental sponsored event on May 2, 2005 featured Dr. Adolph "Buddy" Giesecke from Texas who spoke on the history of intravenous fluids and the JFK assassination.

Nursing Sculpture Features a Nurse Anesthetist



Early nurse anesthetists at the Mayo Clinic specialized in the art of open drop ether administration. A bronze sculpture preserving the importance of these nursing specialists is located in the Gonda Building Nurses Atrium. The sculpture is part of a tableau of nursing history at the Mayo Clinic called Forever Caring.

Also displayed are depictions of the Sisters of St. Francis, graduate and staff nurses who comprise nursing staff at Saint Marys and Rochester Methodist Hospitals. The sculpture was created by Gloria Tew, a Minnesota artist.

Department Folklore - The "Theye Memorial Spiral Staircase"

Peter Southorn, M.D.



Many will recall clambering up and down this staircase connecting the operating rooms to the OB Suite at Rochester Methodist Hospital (RMH). What may not be appreciated is why this staircase came into existence.

In the early 1970s the institution decided to move the OB suite from St. Marys to RMH. After much planning, the brilliant idea was hatched to locate the mothers-to-be and their babies on the tenth floor of RMH, giving them great scenic views of the Rochester skyline, etc. Dick Theye, our department chair, appropriately took umbrage at this. He insisted that the OB suite be located adjacent to the operating suite to allow quick unimpeded access to it. After much give and take, the final compromise was to place the OB suite on the second floor, immediately above the operating suite, and build this spiral staircase to connect the two.

MSHS Master of Nurse Anesthesia Program Update

Mary E. Shirk Marienau, CRNA, MS

Accreditation Status

In the last Alumni Newsletter, I shared with you that we had a very positive site visit from the Council on Accreditation. We subsequently received official notification that we were granted the highest level of accreditation. We received a full 10 year accreditation. Thank you to all of our great SRNAs, CRNAs, anesthesiologists and other program faculty and staff for their contributions to our successful accreditation visit.

New Off-Campus Rotation Site:

We continue to develop our Off-Campus Rotation (OCR) sites. Recently we added Blue Earth, MN as one of the sites a student can be scheduled to complete a portion of their OCR. This summer we started scheduling two SRNAs for a combined Fairmont/Blue Earth Rotation. We are alternating the two SRNAs between the two sites. The SRNAs and the program appreciate the wonderful experiences and instructors available at our Austin, Albert Lea, Fairmont/Blue Earth, MN and Jacksonville, FL OCRs.

Student Presentations and Publications

Seventeen seniors are planning to attend the AANA Annual Meeting in DC this August. They will be presenting their research posters. All of the Class of 2006 posters will be available for viewing during the 31st Annual Mayo Clinic Nurse Anesthesia Seminar. Students will also be presenting at the MN Association of Nurse Anesthetists' Fall Meeting. The MANA meeting will be held in Bloomington the first weekend in October.

The student research projects are also finding their way into peer reviewed journals. This year we will have at least 6 student articles/courses published in academic journals.

Graduation Information

The Class of 2006 will hold their graduation ceremony in Phillips Hall; but instead of a Friday evening ceremony, the ceremony will be held Saturday afternoon March 11, 2006. This change to a Saturday ceremony was made at the request of the students. The seniors felt a Saturday graduation would allow more travel time and less clinical interference for family, friends and staff members who wished to be present.

Educator Awards were presented by the Class of 2005 to:

Jill Hardy, CRNA, MNA- SMH CRNA Educator
Jay Martin, CRNA, MNA -RMH CRNA Educator
Dr Ed Frie- Physician Educator

The Class of 2005 Student Awards:

The Robert Devloo, MD Award was presented to Renee F. Thies
The Virginia Hartridge, MD Award was presented to Nicole K. Anderson
The Rebecca Finley, CRNA Award was presented to Kellee J. Holt
The Gilles, Nelson and Torrance, CRNA Award was presented to Sarah A. Wood
The Robert R Johnson, CRNA, MS Award was presented to Myongsu Draper

Graduation 2005

The Class of 2005 graduated on Friday March 11, 2005 during a wonderful ceremony in Phillips Hall. There were approximately 400 people in attendance. We are pleased to welcome thirty Mayo graduates into our profession and the Mayo Nurse Anesthesia Alumni Association.



Graduates (1st Row L-R): Barbara Eland, Minerva Johnson, Myongsu Draper, Lori Fisher, Debra Thomford, Nicole Anderson, Diana Wilson, Shannon Monosmith; (Middle Row L-R): Annette Proctor, Jeannie Mattson, Dean Severson, Todd Meyer, Joseph Ricci, III, Andrew Jones, Brooke Klein, Kellee Holt, Marian Kwansa, Karla Peterson, Sarah wood, Renee Thies; (3rd Row): Carrie Stover, Mark Ahle, Kevin Leach, Michael Johnston, Eric Larson, Brian Ogren, James Rosane, Sarah Crilly, Erin Martin, Connie Njus

Honored Alumni Class of 1955

Loren, Curly Crofton lives in Minneapolis where he is currently employed as a staff CRNA at the University of Minnesota Hospital, Minneapolis, MN. Loren remembers the early days of extracorporeal circulation at the Mayo Clinic with Dr John Kirklin and Dr Robert Patrick. Loren also is quoted, "When I am eighty, I shall decide when to stop giving anesthesia."

John Egolf, CRNA went on to graduate from medical school in 1976. He is now John Egolf, CRNA, MD. John is a self employed general practitioner in Arizona. He remembers Mayo as a great learning institution with wonderful physicians, anesthetists and nurses.

Class of 1960

Winnie Borgialli, (Lehnherr) is now retired. She and her husband live in Wyoming where she was born and raised. They like being close to lifelong friends and family and enjoy the Wyoming lifestyle. Winnie likes getting back to Rochester for a visit now and then. She still remembers her learning experience at Mayo and the dedicated, professional approach taken throughout her educational encounters here.

Teri Unrein Smith is retired and living in Franklin, WI with her husband Roy. When Teri realizes she actually knew the people whose names are now represented by memorial funds and awards she gets a real sense of history. In addition she has fond memories of her education at Mayo. Teri's advice to colleagues is to stay professional, kind, and educated while spreading liberal amount of humor throughout the workplace. In her retirement she travels with Roy, plays tennis, cooks gourmet style, and gardens.

Donald Beans of Atmore Alabama is Director of Anesthesia at Atmore Community Hospital. Although he retired in January 2003 a replacement could not be found so he continues to work full time. Prior to Atmore, Donald worked as a self employed CRNA in Fort Collins, CO for 27 years. While living in Colorado Donald climbed all 54 of Colorado's 14,000 foot peaks. He and his wife Edith have 5 children and 10 grandchildren.

Janice Trammell retired from the VA Medical Center in Iowa City, IA in 2000 after 28 years of practicing as a CRNA. In those 28 years she states she always found her work to be challenging and rewarding. Janice recalls the long cases and long days in the OR during her education at Mayo. However, she feels it was time well spent for a "great" profession.

Jack Hostack and his wife Gloria live in Fountain Hills, AZ. Jack retired in January of 2000 but remembers the many fine people he worked with over the years.

Class of 1965

Arthur Benzsdchovel retired in February of 2001 after a diverse career as a CRNA. Among his career highlights, Arthur was the first CRNA hired into the Dean Medical Center anesthesia practice in Madison, WI in 1985. Arthur and his wife Nancy remain in Madison. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Paul Maple of Ashland, WI is a self-employed CRNA and his wife Beth is a retired RN. After 40 years in anesthesia Paul says he still enjoys going to work. Paul has 3 sons, 9 grandchildren, and 1 great grandson.

Charles Odom of Lake Park, GA is a semi-retired, self-employed CRNA. Charles has one daughter, wife Chrystal, 3 dogs, and 4 boats. He still loves anesthesia and hunting throughout the world.

Class of 1970

Howard Ellstrom and his wife Katherine live in Lexington, SC where he works as a CRNA for Lexington Medical Center. Howard states he has always felt "fortunate" and "honored" to have graduated from the nurse anesthesia program at Mayo. His advice to new graduates is, "If you work hard and learn as much as you can, you will have a rewarding future." Howard and his wife have done significant traveling. Together they have 2 daughters, 2 son-in-laws and 2 grandsons.



Choonja Lee is working for Nurse Anesthesia Services P.A. and living in Maple Grove, MN. Since graduating from the nurse anesthesia program in 1970 Choonja has received a BS in Nurse Anesthesia, an MBA and an MBS from the University of Minnesota. Except for her two children Choonja feels the Mayo Clinic was the best thing that ever happened to her.

Richard "Dick" Pressnell currently lives in Rural Route Pine Island, MN. Besides working as a CRNA at Gillette Children's Hospital in St Paul, MN he also farms.

Class of 1975

Victor Barracough is a self-employed CRNA living in Roxbury, NY. Victor's wife Carol is a practicing RN and together they have 2 sons. From his time in the anesthesia program, Victor remembers the support, knowledge, and willingness



Robert Thomson, a retired anesthetist and friend, has been ill with pancreatitis for over six months. As many of you remember, his wife Elizabeth is also a retired colleague and friend. Please feel free to send your get well wishes to Robert and Elizabeth. 818 22nd St SE Rochester, MN 55904

Class of 1980

Gloria Davis is a retired CRNA from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Gloria continues to work part time for the Minnesota based anesthesia provider, Strandell Anesthesia Care Providers. She thinks that all her years of hard work have been worth it as she is now traveling, still learning, and loving it! gogoglod@aol.com

Judy Johnson is a retired CRNA living in Rochester, MN with her husband Dennis. Together they own their own consulting business. Last years newsletter featured a retirement article about Judy! QuarterStreet@charter.net

Dennie Fugitt is a self-employed anesthetist living in Midland, TX with his wife Pamela. Through the years he has been active in both the New Mexico

Paul Tobin of Watertown, SD is a staff anesthetist with Prairie Lakes Healthcare Center. Paul lives with his wife Lorette and they have raised a family together. Paul has been active in local and state government serving on two separate committees for the South Dakota Association of Nurse Anesthetists. He has also been active in his church. Paul would like graduates to remember that their patients are the ones who count most in the operating room. pault@dailypost.com

Altan Tate is a self-employed CRNA in The Dalles, OR and lives with his wife Carol who owns Express Medical Billing. Alan remembers how fun his educational experience was at Mayo because all the students were going through similar circumstances. However, most memorable is how he met his wife Carol while at school in Rochester. They now have two grown children, one who wants to become a CRNA. altate@netcncs.net

Bruce Buckley is living in Southern Pines, NC with his wife Cheryl and working as a staff CRNA for First Health of the Carolinas. brucebuckley@minospriing.com

Thomas W. Murphy is a senior CRNA for Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital in Prairie du Sac, WI where he has been for over 27 years. Thomas lives with his wife Brenda who is an RN for the Dean Clinic. From his time in Rochester he remembers all the long work days and the friends made that have lasted a lifetime. murr@mrtr.com

to teach displayed by the staff at Mayo. After 30 years he still loves the profession and couldn't think of retiring yet.

and Texas Nurse Anesthesia state organizations. While a student at Mayo Dennie remembers feeling like he was on the "cutting edge" of anesthesia and medicine. dfugitt980@aol.com

Gerri Lyman lives in Livingston, MT with her husband Paul who is an electrical contractor. She is an anesthetist for Livingston Memorial Hospital. Gerri and Paul have three children and she simply states, "Life is good!" One specific memory she has during her education at Mayo is how personal it seemed despite its size. glyman@hotmail.com

Felissa Lee is a staff anesthetist for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Felissa enjoys working in the Outpatient Surgery Center located in the new Gonda Building on the Mayo Campus. Felissa lives with her husband Steve who is also a practicing anesthetist at Mayo. lee.felissa@mayo.edu

Linda Welch, (Redmann) is practicing in Fon du lac, WI. Linda states that her most vivid memory while a student anesthetist is the pleasure of being able to work with truly great people that paved a path for her. Together with her late husband, J. Michael, she has three children and considers herself "truly blessed." mwelch@mail.wiscnet.net

Christopher Wilson is the Director of Anesthesia Services at Moses Cone Health System in Greensboro, NC. He and his wife Karen have been married for more than thirty years and live in Greensboro. Christopher wrote he has never regretted choosing to be part of such an honorable and rewarding profession as nurse anesthesia.

Class of 1985

Denise Zahn of Minot ND is a staff anesthetist for Trinity Hospital. dmz@minot.com

Jill (Benson) Feldman of Springfield, IL is employed by Sangamon Associated Anesthesiologists. While a student at Mayo Jill remembers the wonderful people and the long walk from cardiac surgery to the ICU.

Class of 1990

Greg Dubla is a staff anesthetist for Eau Claire Anesthesiologist LTD in Eau Claire, WI. Greg's advice to students is to study, study, and study. gdubla4165@aol.com

Gerri Wegner Fritz of Lansing, MI lives with her husband Bill and is a staff anesthetist in OB anesthesia for Sparrow Hospital. Gerri remembers

the excellent learning experiences she had at Mayo along with the friendly staff and skilled CRNA preceptors. Gerri's advice to others is to be proud of the nurse anesthesia profession, educate the public, and realize you can do anything if you work for it! wegnerfritz@hotmail.com

Dorthea Case lives in New Richmond, WI and is employed by Northland Nurse Anesthesia PA in Maplewood, Minnesota. Dorthea is a Rochester, Minnesota native whose advice to students is to stay focused and get the education they sought.

Christopher Oglesby and his wife Erica live in Phoenix, AZ. Christopher is an anesthetist for Carl T. Hayden VAMC in Phoenix. The kindness and professional competence of the nurse anesthetists, interesting cases, and cold winters are what he remembers about his time at Mayo. He currently enjoys hiking, fishing, gardening, reading, and traveling.

Steve Ippel is a staff CRNA for Anesthesia Medical Consultants in Kentwood, MI where he lives with his wife Kathy. skippe@afo.net

Dan Olsen lives with his wife Melissa Gregory in Northfield, MN. He is a practicing CRNA and Anesthesia Department Manager at Northfield Hospital. Two things Dan wanted people to know, as stated in his biographical sketch, "I was born to pass gas and be true to your family and friends." danolsen@hotmail.com

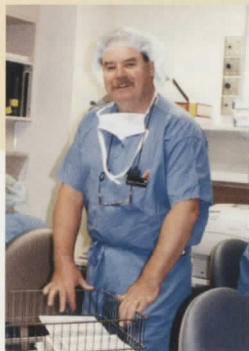
Kaia Long is a CRNA for Mayo Clinic at St Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. Her husband Jefferson is also a CRNA for Mayo. Together they have two children and live in Byron, Minnesota. Kaia says Jefferson and the children keep her happy and busy. long.kaia@mayo.edu

Class of 1995



Kathy Anderson lives with her husband and family in Sioux Falls, SD. Kathy is Clinical Education Coordinator for the Mount Mercy Nurse Anesthesia

students at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. Kathy states that attending Mayo School of Health Sciences Nurse Anesthesia Program and becoming a CRNA was the best career decision she could have made. She still loves it! tkasand@svtv.com



Bob Conway



Mavis Ward and David Myhre



Lisa Deerborn, Tammy Buchanan, Kathy Gorman, Deb Maiers

Susan (Rehkamp) Herbert lives in St Louis Park, MN with her husband John and is a CRNA at Riverside Hospital. srchkamp@mindspring.com

Vivian Vignetti is a CRNA for Mayo in Jacksonville, FL. She and her husband David Brown, who is also a CRNA, live in Jacksonville...
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Rebecca S Meyer lives in Ankeny, IA and is a staff CRNA for Associated Anesthesiologist PC in Des Moines, IA. While a student at Mayo she remembers the academic atmosphere and advises students to take advantage of all learning opportunities. snowdog053@msn

Kathryn Blain her husband Chris, and family live in Mankato, MN. Kathy is practicing in a Rural Minnesota setting. Hard work, great cases, long hours, and fantastic people are what Kathryn recalls of her education at Mayo. She says it's worth it!

Joan Hunziker-Dean is a staff CRNA for Mayo Clinic at St Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. Joan lives with her husband, a practicing RN, and three children. Besides working full time Joan and her family enjoy traveling to England, music, gardening, and cooking. Joan says she has seen incredible growth in the Mayo Campus in Rochester throughout her time here.



Stephen Klinkhammer lives in Racine, WI with his wife Rita. He is a staff CRNA for Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI. While a student at Mayo Stephen remembers how close he is to the operating room. medic@excp.com

Rita Marquardt is a staff CRNA for Mayo Clinic at Rochester Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN. Rita lives with her husband Dan and family near Rochester. Rita states she is "still here and going strong." marquardt.rita@mayo.edu



Kathleen Mitchell is a staff CRNA for Mayo at St Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. Kathy, husband Randy and family live in New Hampton, IA. She likes working twelve hour shifts as it gives her time for family and less time commuting.

Class of 2000

James Cooper his wife Laura and family live in Elko, NV. James is a self-employed CRNA. cooper@elko.net

Kevin Hair is a staff CRNA for American Folk Hospital in American Folk, UT. He lives with his wife Crystal in American Folk. Kevin said he felt like his education at Mayo was "custom made" for him. He will always remember how wonderful the program director and her staff were to him! khair2@juno.com



Anthony Johnson is a solo CRNA working in Lafayette, TN. Tony, his wife Felicia and family live in Norris, TN. "Work hard now so you can play harder later," is Tony's advice to graduates.



Marian Y Kwansa, CRNA, MNA and Mirnera M Johnson, CRNA, MNA members of the Class of 2005 in conjunction with Mary Shirk Marneau recently completed a research project on Mr. Ronald Caulk titled, "Ronald F. Caulk: Pioneer of the Globalization of Anesthesia Care"

Ronald F. Caulk, CRNA, FAAN has contributed to the profession of nurse anesthesia for many years as a clinical anesthesiologist, past AANA president and Executive Director of the International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists (IFNA). The IFNA is an organization dedicated to the promotion of continual high quality patient care and the advancement of the art and science of anesthesia worldwide. We are proud to now have Mr. Caulk as a member of the Mayo School of Health Sciences Alumni Board.

Elizabeth M Hick

and her husband Derry live in Ponte Verde Beach, Florida. She is a staff CRNA for Mayo in Jacksonville, FL. To Elizabeth, becoming a CRNA was the best thing she could have done for her nursing career. She is a published CRNA and has had the opportunity to do military humanitarian work in Bolivia. Major Hick has provided anesthesia in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Jeff Long is a staff CRNA for Mayo at Rochester Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN. His wife Kaita is also a staff CRNA for Mayo. Jeff's advice to graduates is, "prepare for your future proactively, and do not wait for your future to come to you." highspinal@charter.net

Deaths

**LOSING A FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE-
Craig Sullivan**



Craig "Sully" Sullivan CRNA our friend and colleague at the Mayo Clinic Rochester Campus died just over 1 year ago. Although he is gone his memory lives on.

Sully 49, a lifelong Rochester resident, died Tuesday (July 27, 2004) at his home of complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

He was born Sept. 19, 1954, in Rochester and graduated from Lourdes High School in 1972. On May 1, 1976, he married Jody King at Pax Christi

Catholic Church in Rochester. She is a nurse at Olmsted Medical Center. Sully graduated from Mayo Nurse Anesthesia Program in 1981. He was staff anesthetist at Saint Marys Hospital for 23 years. He was a member of Resurrection Catholic Church and Elks Club. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, and St. Patrick's Day.

Survivors include his wife, two children, Tim of Madison Wis., and Chris of Rochester, his parents, James and Joanne Sullivan of Rochester, three brothers, Mike (Kathy) of Anoka, Minn., Pat (Suzi) of La Cresent and Scott (Laurie) of Farmington, Minn.

Honored Alumni at the CRNA Seminar 2004



1959: Ed Morgan



1974: Patricia Wick



1984: Rebecca Boenish, Dave Rettler, Therese Ratchford



1989: Mary Branstad, Lori Nuttall



1994: Barbara Jerabek



2004: Bettina Thompson, James Day, Stephanie Douglass, Laura Rasmussen

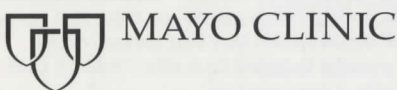
Days Gone By



Front row: Marlys McCoy, Don Nelson, Gary Hayes
Back row: Kaye Ese, Jean Pougiales, Unknown



Front row: Stanley Gartner, Wallace Owens, Thomas Willis
Back row: Beth Fieck, Margaret, Eggenberger, Richard Poirier, Kathryn Ross, Felissa Lee



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